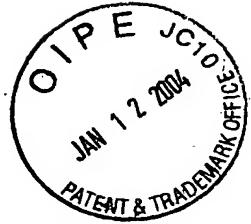


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Arnold B. FINESTONE et al. Confirmation No.: 9939
Application No.: 10/680,074 Group Art Unit: 1773
Filing Date: October 6, 2003 Examiner:
For: PAPER-PLASTIC LAMINATE SHEETING Attorney Docket No.: 82017-498

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR § 1.102(c)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Your Petitioners, Arnold FINESTONE and Gilbert BLOCH, through their undersigned attorney, hereby petition the Commissioner for an order that the above-identified application be made special, and that the proceedings therein be expedited as much as possible.

The grounds upon which this petition is based are set forth in the following section.

REMARKS

This petition for special status is based on the applicants' age under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c). Both applicants, Arnold FINESTONE and Gilbert BLOCH, are over 65 years of age, as set forth in the accompanying DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR § 1.102(c).

Petitioner therefore respectfully requests that an order be issued authorizing and directing that the above-entitled application be made "special".

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 1/12/04


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**DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF
PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR § 1.102(c)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

We, Arnold FINESTONE and Gilbert BLOCH, citizens of the United States of America, residing at and , respectively, hereby declare and state that:

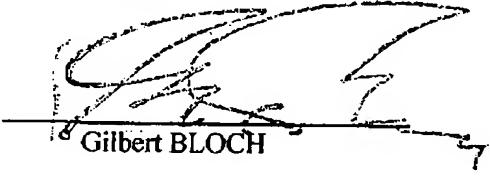
We are the inventor of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the above-identified application.

We are both over 65 years of age at this time.

This declaration is being made to support a petition for advanced examination of this application.

I further declare that all statements made in this declaration of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

Dated this 10 day of Jan, 2004.


Arnold FINESTONE
Gilbert BLOCH

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To:
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The following items listed below are being filed herewith with the USPTO on January 12, 2004

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